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Little 500 Won By Coeds

By DAN RODRIGUEZ
& MONIQUE LACOUTURE

Saint Joseph's College coeds have won their first Little 500 ever at Collegeville, it has been announced by Student Association president Augie Ghilarducci.

Final official 1981 Little 500 standings show that Donna Griffin and Peg Versgrove piloted kart #22 through 79 laps to edge out Steve McAleer, who completed 78 laps in kart #1.

Coeds Kathleen Walsh and Cindy Stanton ran third with 76 laps in kart #54, while Marc Tougas piloted kart #10 to a fourth-place finish, also with 76 laps.

Remaining final standings are: fifth, kart #11, Tom Hull and Mark Hamilton, 74 laps; sixth, kart #3, Gary Barnett, 69 laps; seventh, kart #18, Tod Spears and Jim Habrowski, 60 laps; eighth, kart #45, Kirk Jockel and Mike Nassr, 58 laps; ninth, kart #2, Peggy Hansen and Melissa Grecu, 56 laps; tenth, kart #14, Mike St. Clair and John Rooney, 55 laps; 11th, kart #65, Vicki Bauer and Nancy Rapp, 48 laps; and 12th, kart #91, Robert Rogan and Mike O'Rourke, 27 laps.

"Karts driven by Mark Hopkinson and Carl Schreiber, respectively, have been disqualified," it has been announced by Little 500 Committee co-chairman John Schrei.

The start of the race was scheduled for noon, but track officials declared the race course safe for driving about 1 p.m. and the green flag waved the starting field into action at 1:30 p.m. At 3:18 p.m., the race was brought to a premature halt.

"We weren't happy with the weather, but we were quite pleased with the competitive nature of the race and its safety," Schrei reported. "The one-lane, no-passing zone in turn three markedly reduced the driving danger in a section of the track that had been troublesome in previous years, and the only injury we had came before the race when Raymond Christy flipped his kart in a practice run and sprained an ankle.

Prize money that was awarded to the top finishers includes: $500 - first place, $250 - second place, $125 - third place, $75 - fourth place, and $50 - fifth place. In addition, trophies were awarded to the top six finishers and engraved college mugs went to the top six finishers and their pit crews during a special awards convocation Apr. 15.

Along with the festivities involved with the Little 500 race itself, there were many other activities going on for race fans.

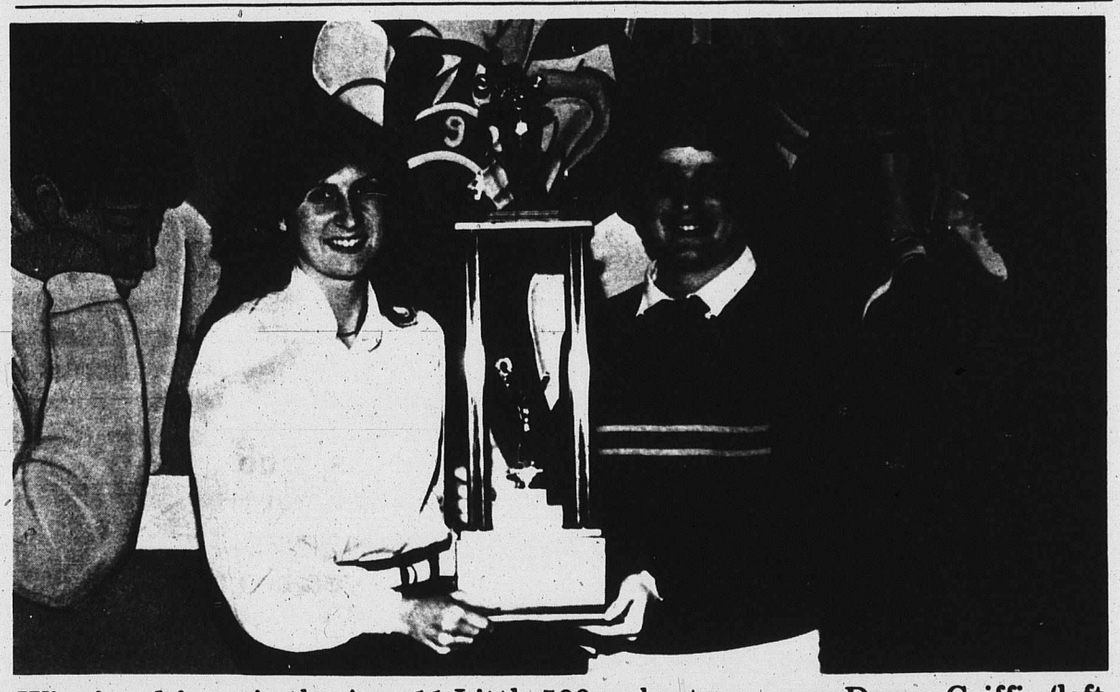
During the entire week preceding race day, the Halleck Student Union Board sponsored a "five-day fever." This was designed to help unite the campus and get people ready for the big day.

Day one was Tacky Day (a favorite to all who are color blind or dress in the dark); day two was no jeans day; and day three was Puma colors day.

Day four was a special one set aside for the naming of "Mr. Puma," or Saint Joseph's version of the Mr. America contest. During the week, students voted for the top male of their choice from the different classes, and on Thursday, Joe Bezilla (sr.-Aqu.) was crowned "Mr. Puma."

A final tune-up before the race was day five, and it was a day to get rowdy and ready to celebrate. A Canadian rock band called Bayb entertained many people at Halleck Center, while Justin Hall sponsored another bash in the chapel cafeteria.

Gray skies and a bit of rain didn't dampen race day festivites, and other activities besides the race included the crowning of Barb Salkeld (jr.-Jus.) as Little 500 queen, refreshments and T-shirts being sold, and the well-attended Little 500 semi-formal mixer featuring Amusement Park.



Winning drivers in the Apr. 11 Little 500 go-kart race were Donna Griffin (left, jr.-Jus.) and Peg Versgrove (jr.-Jus.). Trophies and prizes were presented to winners of the race during a special convocation Apr. 15 in the Halleck Center ballroom. (Photo by John Burrell)

Improvised Frisbee Lessens Boredom As Kupke Survives 444-Day Captivity

By MATT CAMPBELL
& MARK HAMILTON
(Second in a series of two articles)

Whoever thought that a plastic lid from a Carter Hall tobacco can could serve as a frisbee? And whoever thought that this improvised frisbee could get a healthy daily workout by being tossed over the clothesline in an Iranian jail cell?

Moreover, how could you stand the "indignity" of "getting oranged"?

For Jasper County's Rick Kupke, his 444 days in Iranian captivity were made much more bearable via the creative instinct of the human spirit, which prompted the hostages to use the tobacco can lid as a frisbee and make up games by sailing the lid over a jail cell clothesline and through clothes hung on it.

How on earth can you play frisbee in a jail cell?

Rick: Well, first of all, we had this clothesline in our cell where we could hand our clothes to dry after they had been washed. Then one of the guys got this can of Carter Hall tobacco in the mail; it had a plastic lid for a top, so we put the lid to use as a frisbee. We used to hold our own tournaments, trying to throw the frisbee through the underwear on the clothesline.

I did various other things in the jail cell to pass the time. For example, I did a lot of reading, including many books on history written by John McDonald. We played chess often on a board that was given to us by our captors and I also played bridge with my cellmates. I also spent a lot of time pacing back and forth, letting my mind drift to beat the boredom.

In letting my mind drift, I didn't waste time worrying about my situation as a captive, because I found this only made me more depressed; we made an effort to cheer each other up when we became depressed.

Another thing — I like to do my own form of "window shopping" — while pacing in my cell, I would imagine myself walking down the main street of Rensselaer, or in Bangkok where I served before going to Tehran. I would try to picture the names of all the stores and the merchandise in the windows.

We were not allowed to talk with each other about our previous tours of duty with the State Department.

Eleanor: When the hostages were leaving Washington to return to their various homes here in the United States, one of Rick's roommates told me to "put an orange under Rick's mattress every now and then."

Rick: That's right — "getting oranged" brings back a lot of memories. We had this orange in our cell, and instead of eating it, we stuck it under one of the guy's mattresses. After that, we made a game out of trying to hide the orange in a guy's shoe or stick it under his mattress without him knowing about it, and this wasn't easy to do when there were four of us crammed into a small cell. That orange got hard as a rock after a while.

What was the biggest thing you learned from this experience?

Rick: I learned that I should never volunteer for anything again, because I had volunteered to serve in Tehran. You know, I was scheduled to leave Iran on the day after the embassy takeover; I already had my plane tickets.

How have you relaxed since returning home last Jan. 28?

(With a broad smile, Rick replied) I've been relaxing by running all over the United States in the last couple of months. First, I went to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, then to Atlantic City, and then on a fishing trip with my dad and Tony Orlando. We were invited by Tony Orlando to appear with him at one of his shows in Las Vegas, and he also gave us a small fig tree with 52 yellow ribbons attached which we now have here in the living room of our home. Let's see, how else have I relaxed (smiling again)? Oh yes, we went to visit some of our relatives in Lawton, Oklahoma, and now we're getting ready for a vacation in Hawaii.

Do you plan to return to work with the State Department? Where?

I still work for the State Department as a communications officer, and I'd like to work next somewhere in the far east. (He has since been assigned to Thailand.)

Art and Eleanor, when Rick goes overseas again to resume his State Department work, will you be worried that something like this Iranian crisis might happen again?

Art: Yes, I'll be worried about it. I've been kidding Rick, telling him that if he's late for dinner again, the least he can do is call.

Eleanor: Being a mother, I'll always be concerned about my children, wherever they may be.

Would you ever return to work in Iran, presuming a marked change for the better in U.S.-Iranian relations?

Rick: I have no desire to go back there; I don't think we should go back or even attempt to open an embassy. Not yet, anyways. Current relations between the U.S. and Iran are very unstable, and Iraq-Iran relations add another dimension of instability.

What measures should the United States take to prevent something like this from happening again?

Rick: The U.S. embassy must rely on the host country; you can't have 15 guards defend an embassy against an entire country. The embassy must have assurance from the host country

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The barn at the Kupke residence in northeastern Jasper County pulls no punches — Rick Kupke is indeed welcome home after his harrowing experience as a hostage for 444 days in Iran. Neighbors painted the barn to welcome Rick home in January. Eleanor, Rick's mother, is a 1965 graduate of Saint Joseph's and his father, Art, is a former college employee.

Good Luck, Seniors

Only one week is left to the 1980-81 school year and students are grimacing at the sight of exam week. Hopefully, everyone has had a good year, plus solid prospects of finding a summer job.

A special applause goes to all those involved in the preparation and successful outcome of this year's Little 500 weekend. It proved to be an enjoyable time despite the ill weather.

Congratulations to the Student Association on a fine job, as the Hogan administration has successfully managed to provide another smooth, fun-filled year. Evidence of this success was seen through the increased involvement and participation by students at mixers and other S.A.-sponsored events. Good luck to the 1981-82 S.A. officials as they tackle next year's schedule.

We pay special tribute to the senior class, who we have become close friends with. Wherever your roads take you, whether down the street to the marriage license office or on to a career, we wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors. We will miss you.

We say good-by to Richard Scharf and Dr. Roy Burkey, as they retire from Saint Joseph's College. They have offered Saint Joe's a special talent: the ability to work with students and be a definite asset to the college.

Have a good summer and see you next year.

Race Changes Urged

Little 500 proved to be an interesting occurrence Apr. 11. Experience always proves to be the best teacher and next year's race should prove to be more fun and less controversial.

With the Little 500 Committee's proposal to switch to Briggs and Stratton engines for next year's race, all of the drivers should have more of an equal chance of winning the four-hour go-kart race.

Next year's race will be later in the month of April, which could prove to be an important factor promoting better weather conditions. The committee for next year's race can use the 1981 running as a model to insure where changes are needed, such as in stricter regulations concerning driver conduct.

Additional track marshals could be assigned to take gas samples during the race to insure that the same gasoline is being used, thereby avoiding unnecessary hassles after the race is completed.

Steps should be taken to make sure that track marshals from all of the dorms perform their duties efficiently. But, congratulations are in order for Dan Plunkett and John Schrei, the chairman and co-chairman of the Little 500 Committee this year, on the excellent changes that the committee brought forth.

The number of accidents was greatly decreased this year and one major reason was the single-file lane around curve three. As always, Tom Messman gave total service to the drivers and pit crews to make the race the best possible, considering all of the bizarre happenings of the day.

Racing fans found all sorts of vantage points from which to watch Saint Joseph's Little 500 go-kart race. These innovative students hoisted furniture atop a wagon just north of Gallagher Hall to watch the competition.

(Photo by John Burrell)

Ghilarducci Presents Guidelines

By JERRY UNDERHILL

Learning, concern and pride are Augie Ghilarducci's (jr.-Ben.) guidelines for all future S.A. goals and events. Perhaps the most important goal for the 1981-82 school year is an improved format for dorms and dorm governments. The S.A. and the Senate will work with dorm governments to help plan programs and activities.

One such activity that will be initiated by Ghilarducci is "Involvement '81". This will give dorms money from the S.A. to fund social events sponsored by different dorms.

"We learn 75 percent of our schooling by relating to other people and 25 percent from texts," insists Ghilarducci. "It is the desire and concern for learning that will make the upcoming semester the best ever."

In the upcoming semester, Ghilarducci plans to investigate the possibility of having current events classes taught at Saint Joe's. Current event discussions might also be held to serve a twofold purpose; to discuss information pertinent to the student, and to get students involved.

"Students need to know more about their career opportunities and more of the work beyond college," explains Ghilarducci. "We need more news of current events.

"Also, students need to work off frustrations, and involvement on campus is one way to do this. Discipline and lack of pride will not be such a problem if frustrations are eliminated in a positive way," he says.

The lack of Puma pride is causing a great disturbance in the S.A., Ghilarducci reports, and he stresses that each student must take it upon himself to bring pride to Saint Joe's. The S.A. will help by listening to and supporting worthy ideas, he adds.

"I am the first to say that the S.A. is limited in what it can do without student participation, but with your help and concern, much can be accomplished next year," Ghilarducci comments.

"Everyone in the S.A. this year has been a great help to me. Joe Hogan, the outgoing S.A. president, opened lines of communication. Jeff Hirschfelder brought bands that have not played at Saint Joe's. Colleen Barrett has handled everything from the elections to storage, and Pete Powell helped whenever we needed him," he adds.

Compliments and constructive criticism are needed by the S.A. to better serve the student body and the S.A. challenges each student to voice his opinion.

Queen of the Little 500 go-kart race Apr. 11 was Barb Salkeld (center, jr.-Jus.). Members of her court were, left to right: Cathy Travnik (sr.-Jus.), Fran Strebinger (so.-Jus.), Nancy Rapp (so.-Jus.) and Vicki Bauer (jr.-Jus.).

(Photo by John Burrell)

Letters To The Editors

Dear Editors:

Saint Joseph's College has seen another Little 500 come and go, and although it's always a matter of opinion of how good it was, many people, including myself, feel that it was a very good one.

It was not so much the race itself that stood out (which was too short for both spectators and drivers), but the general atmosphere that was evident among the students, visitors, and alumni who were here for the weekend. The festive mood was there, of course, but this one featured a congeniality and overall "mellowness" that several Little 500's hadn't seen in the recent past.

The majority of people who were here got along very well with one another, and from what I could see, there were no real acts of violence or vandalism that have marred such weekends in the past. It was actually peaceful at times! (Not to mention how tolerable it was for visiting parents who may be shocked with how far our behavior may get out of line sometimes.)

Saint Joe's should look back on this Little 500 as one which showed how well we can live together as a community here at Collegeville, and how we can at the same time be good hosts. Thanks, Saint Joe, for an enjoyable weekend! Our good acts can only serve as an inspiration for more good acts.

Sincerely,
"A Proud Puma"

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Pumas Await League Tourneys

By HERB WILKER

Now entering the last half of the season, Saint Joe's baseball team approaches two major tournaments during the next two weekends.

Saint Joe's ventures to Indianapolis to partake in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament tomorrow through Sunday, then one week later the Pumas engage in the Heartland Collegiate Conference tournament, also held in Indianapolis, Apr. 30 to May 3.

"We're considered to be the underdog in both tournaments this year," states coach George Waggoner. "Lewis and Bellarmine are rated as the powerhouse favorites in the GLVC tourney and the teams will be more competitive than in Heartland's tourney."

The Pumas face a competitive schedule from here on but still may be able to improve on their 4-15 record as of Apr. 21.

"Much credit goes to our three seniors — Bob Ellis (Sft.), Jose Fortuno (Noll), and Phil Pinkstaff (Gal.) for keeping the competitive attitude going throughout the season, and keeping the spirit up when we played against bigger teams," replies Waggoner.

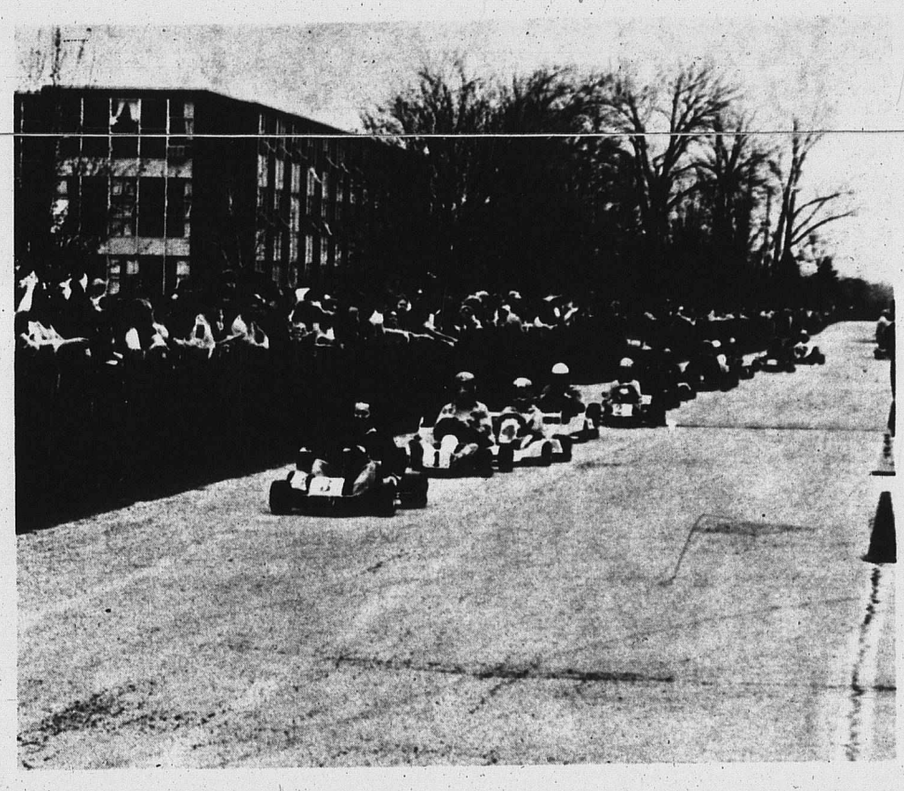
The highlight of the season thus far came when Ellis set a school record by hitting four home runs in four consecutive games. He achieved this feat by hitting the homers in the two twin bills against Purdue and Butler.

Between the two tournaments, the Pumas face Lewis in a home doubleheader next Tuesday and then end the season with four doubleheaders. The home games will be May 6 and May 9 against Kentucky Wesleyan and Wright State of Ohio, respectively, and the road games are May 4 and May 8 at George Williams and Illinois Chicago Circle.

Saint Joseph's lost a twin bill to Butler 13-5 and 29-2 on Apr. 4 before rebounding for a victory the following day in the first game of two against Illinois Chicago Circle, 3-2. Circle won the second game, 11-5.

The Pumas had another taste of victory Apr. 7 by defeating Valparaiso 5-4 before losing the second game, 20-4. Saint Joe's was blanked 6-0 by Eastern Illinois Apr. 8 before bad weather cancelled twin bills against Indiana Central and Valparaiso.

Relief hurler Phil Pinkstaff uncorks a fastball while first baseman Mike Meyer is ready to cover his side of the infield as the 1981 baseball team progresses through a demanding schedule of opponents. (Photo by John Burrell)



Technical advisor Tom Messman leads the starting field of Saint Joseph's 1981 Little 500 onto its parade lap just before the start of racing Apr. 11. Kart #22 (the fourth kart from the front) won the race, with Donna Griffin and Peg Versgrove doing the driving. (Photo by John Burrell)

Sports Roundup

Support, Interest Spark SJC Runners

By DAVE RUSCHAU & MARK HAMILTON

For the first time in a number of years, the track near Alumni Fieldhouse has more cinders than weeds and the administration at Saint Joseph's is showing some interest in the track season. "The interest showed by the administration has really helped our team," says coach Dave Smith, "and the track team is willing to meet them halfway."

MEN'S TRACK

Practice has turned more toward sharpening skills and paces as the men's track team approaches the Heartland Collegiate Conference meet. However, injuries dampen the team's hopes for a good showing.

Louis Norris, school record holder in the long jump and triple jump, is out while Ron Schubert and Mike Miller are listed as only probables for the meet.

On the brighter side, Kevin Tatum, Tony Martin and Barry Watson are counted upon for good showings in the sprints, 10,000-meter run, and discus, respectively.

WOMEN'S TRACK

All-around depth is the women's key asset as they prepare for the Little State meet May 9. "Our young sprinters haven't come through with all we hoped for, but we are deep all-around," Smith reports.

The women, who split their first six matches, have progressed with high hopes. "We have letters of intent from seven girls who all have times better than the winning time in the state. With continued support from the administration, our girls' track team can become the best around."

MEN'S TENNIS

Weather has been a contributing factor concerning the schedule for the men's tennis team. But, coach John Barrientos cites enthusiasm and a great deal of talent as the foundation for future tennis seasons.

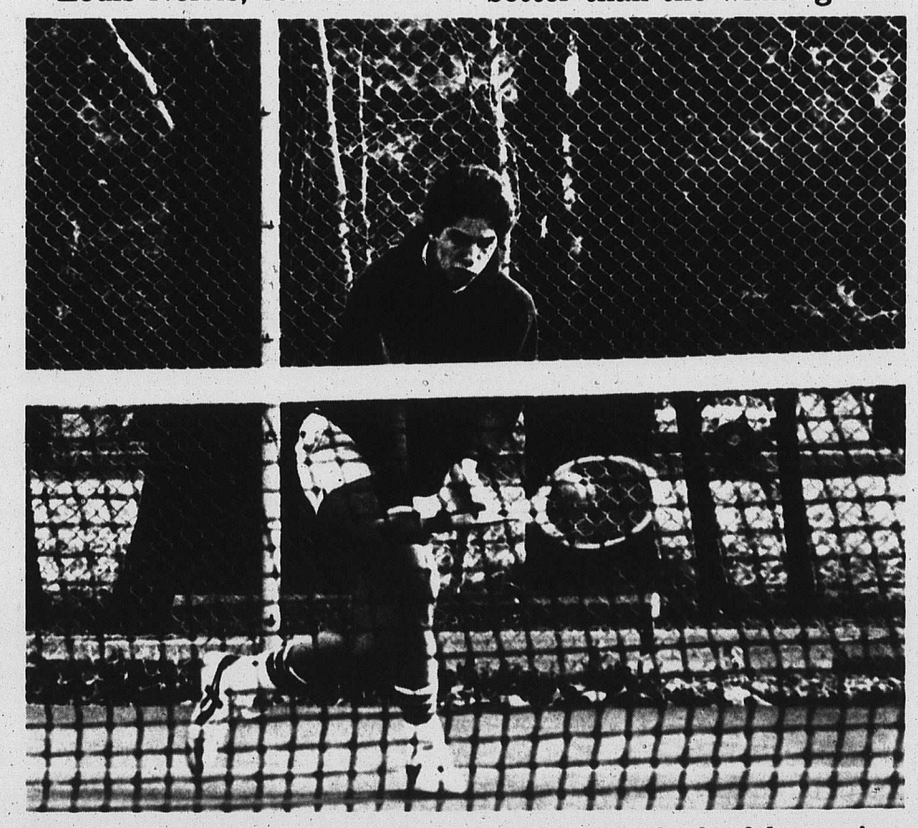
The men's tennis team plays in two important tournaments: the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament last weekend at Kentucky Wesleyan and the upcoming Heartland Collegiate Conference tournament scheduled this weekend.

"It is not that we lack talent or enthusiasm," states Barrientos. "We will be looking for the exposure and all the wins we can at the Heartland tourney."

The weather has not been the only problem for the netters this season. The team plays Division II schools that have financial aid and more support from their administrations. How do you recruit a tennis player to come to Saint Joe's?

"I have contacted many tennis athletes from around the local area. I have also written to many prospective athletes, seeking to gain their interest in coming to school here. Basically, I go on the good name of Saint Joseph's as an educational facility as a basis for recruitment," Barrientos explains.

Barrientos does not consider men's or women's tennis a minor sport in the least respect. "Our dedication is first-class," he says.



Puma tennis player Matt Campbell has that look of determination on his face as he returns a volley for SJC's steadily-improving men's netters. The team concludes its 1981 season Friday and Saturday in the Heartland Collegiate Conference match at Georgetown (Ky.) College. (Photo by John Burrell)

PUMA PRINTS

A 'Smorgasbord' Year

By BRAD CANGANY

This year in sports at Saint Joseph's has run the gamut in respect to great achievements and disappointing losses. In team competition, the women's volleyball and basketball teams were by far the most successful. Yet the men's sports were able to provide Saint Joe's fans with some exciting moments.

Starting at the beginning of the year, the fall sports schedule was the busiest. The so-called "minor" sports quietly moved through their schedules, sometimes unknown to other students, as in the case of the cross country team which did not have a single home meet. The harriers did not have as good a year as coach Dave Smith had anticipated, but next year's team should be stronger and maybe there will be some home meets.

The golf team had its best season in years but faltered when scheduling conflicts prevented Saint Joe's from fielding its best team for matches late in the season. The soccer team enjoyed its first varsity season even though it finished 2-10. The kickers are young and have some potential, so the program should continue to improve while under the direction of coach Father Bill Stang.

The women's tennis team had its first winning season ever with six wins and five losses. The entire squad should return next year with the exception of Jennifer Voreis, the standout athlete who graduates this year.

The volleyball team once again proved itself a state powerhouse by finishing the season 42-10 and taking third place in the IAIAW tournament. Only a state championship for coach Linda Taulman's crew is left to achieve. In order to do this, the dinkers will have to replace star co-captain Nancy Scott. If the Pumas can fill Scott's shoes, then they will once again challenge for the state championship next year.

On the gridiron, fans were treated to some thrilling football as Saint Joe's went undefeated on its home field. Success often hinged on the aerial displays of quarteback Mike Houston and Heartland Collegiate Conference most valuable player, wide receiver Gus Pasquini. Both finished second in the national rankings for passing and receiving, respectively.

As the sports world began to look indoors, the basketball teams of Saint Joe's both looked for improvement. By avoiding serious injuries, the women cagers improved their record to 22-7 and reached the semifinals of the state tournament. The women were paced by academic all-American Jennifer Voreis, who finished her career as the only woman to ever score over 1,000 points in Saint Joe's history.

The men returned to winning ways this year, but just barely, by establishing a 14-13 record. At times, the fieldhouse resembled the Castle of Chaos of the 1950's and 60's in cheering for the Pumas. A sports writer for the Dayton **Daily News** described the Saint Joe fans as "vociferously rowdy" after the Pumas upset Wright State.

The spring teams have yet to complete their seasons, yet as in the case with the other sports at Saint Joe's, they will put forth their best effort. The track runners, the tennis and baseball players all dedicate their time for the enjoyment of their sport because none of them receive scholarship money. The success of these teams will not be found in their final season records but rather in the individual achievement and improvement over the course of the season.

The women's track team, like all other women's teams at Saint Joe's, is very competitive. It proudly carries the Saint Joe banner into competition. Win or lose, all the teams of Saint Joe's have been true representatives of this school.

Burkey, Scharf Ending Lengthy Service

By MARY SALISBURY & MATT CAMPBELL

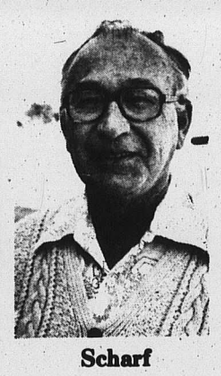
Two men who have given 57 years of service and dedication to the Saint Joseph's College community have recently announced their retirements from their respective positions. Dick Scharf, who has served as athletic director for 20 years and has also served as a coach and professor for 41 years, along with Dr. Roy Burkey, chairman of the largest department on campus, will be leaving after this semester and their absence will be felt throughout the college community.

A 1938 graduate of Saint Joseph's, athletic director and head golf mentor Richard Scharf claims his greatest satisfaction lies in his experience as coach of a variety of Puma teams since 1940. An outstanding letterman in football, basketball, and track, Scharf found himself at the helm of varsity football in 1946, and later unexpectedly was propelled to the chief of basketball from 1950-55, where the Pumas, in 1952-53, were Indiana Collegiate Conference co-champs and he was named coach of the year. He was appointed athletic director in 1961.

"I enjoyed coaching more because of the relationships developed between the coach and his players. I felt like a father to many of the boys. I also enjoyed teaching (accounting and physical education) as well for much of the same reason — development of close, personal relationships," says Scharf.

Concerning the duties of athletic director, Scharf notes, "As an athletic director you're confined to the office in a clerical role. The difficulty is in keeping the entire program in tune and trying to achieve success in all of the sports. Even though I enjoyed coaching more, because of the small situation here, I was able to teach, coach, and direct athletics and still know many students personally."

Burkey



Scharf

After 20 years of military service, a job with a consulting firm, and 16 years of teaching, one would say it's time to quit. Not if your name is Dr. Roy Burkey, chairman of the business department.

At the end of this semester, Dr. Burkey is retiring from Saint Joe's but is not packing the books away, just yet. "I have tentative plans to join the staff of the University of Akron," comments Dr. Burkey.

Dr. Burkey will teach a five-week summer course beginning July 15, and continue to teach in the fall with a two-class load — Principles of Management and Policy Administration.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Burkey plans to join a consulting firm at the beginning of June.

May 15 is the scheduled moving date, when Dr. and Mrs. Burkey will say good-by to Rensselaer and join their family in Akron, Ohio.

While at Saint Joe's, Dr. Burkey has built a reputation as a teacher concerned with the students. At Saint Joe's he has bonded a close relationship between himself and the student — he always has an open ear to any problem a student might have. "That is what I will miss most about Saint Joe's — the students. At a larger school, I won't be able to develop the closeness with students as I did here," says Dr. Burkey.

He continues, "Saint Joseph's small community is conducive for a close relationship between a teacher and a student to develop, which is important in understanding the student's need."

"I see my job as helping students reach their goals, and directing them to their goals," says Dr. Burkey. "This is extremely important."

He has developed a unique teaching technique. "After each school year, I throw out all my notes and start from scratch. I feel this offers the students a current perspective of the business world and often arouses class interest," he concludes.

Social Preview

By LEN KOHL

You know, this is the last time I'll ever write this column, and it figures that I'm doing it at the last minute. Regardless of this, I'd just like to say good-by to all my fellow graduating seniors (I hope!), and all the rest of you bums. "Good-by!" There, I said it. Although four years for anyone is not always a bed of roses in this great institution of higher learning, all I seem to remember is more good times than anything else. Thanks to everyone who made these good times possible.

Now that I've said all that, let's get on to business. As usual, some of the following events may change, but use this as a handy guide anyway.

Friday, Apr. 24, junior class picnic, 4:30 p.m., at beautiful Lake Banet; senior "get a job" party, 8 p.m., at Core XI. (Does this mean that bums like me who don't have a job yet can't come? Don't answer that!)

Saturday, Apr. 25, "Noll's last afternoon party," Noll Hall 12 noon to 8 p.m.; senior class picnic, Lake Banet 4-8 p.m. (I hope we get steak!) The mixer everyone's been waiting for, **Off Broadway** (who have already put out two hit albums) will be here in the ballroom around 10 p.m.

The weekend of Sunday, Apr. 26, **My Bodyguard** will be the last film of the year in the auditorium. (Note: the improved sound system makes movie going at Saint Joe's what it always should have been, and hopefully will be — fun!) The film is about a kid from a Catholic high school, who after two years transfers into a public high school, and is forced into a whole new world. For starters, he is approached by a guy selling "protection" from a feared neighborhood bully. The kid finds out that the neighborhood bully is not a bully at all, and the two get into all sorts of adventures.

Doesn't sound like much, but everything I've ever heard about this movie has been nothing but praise. I heard the same about **Breaking Away** and for once I'm glad I listened to other people's opinions.

Monday, Apr. 27, HSUB dinner, 4 p.m. (I don't have a location for this, so check on this).

Wednesday, Apr. 29, (Dum de dum, dum!) Yes, final exam days begin. (Doesn't that just make your day?)

Thursday, Apr. 30, more of the same.

Friday, May 1, the **final** final exam day, and — last but not least — the end of the school year! Free at last! Free at last! For seniors, this is the end of four years at Pumaville, at good ol' SJC, and the first day of the countdown before that mighty day — dare I say it? What the heck. Graduation day, May 10, nineteen hundred and eighty one! Hungowa! For those of you who have not the good fortune to be seniors, it is the start of a well-deserved rest before school begins again. Good luck to all! Th-the-th-the-th-the-that's all, folks!

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that their compound and members will be guarded and protected. We need to have a firm agreement between the two countries that both can stand by, guaranteeing the protection of the embassy. It will be necessary to have a **strong president to back up this agreement; I think Ronald Reagan is the type of president who will back up this agreement.**

Did the magnitude of your welcome-home celebration surprise you?

Rick: When we landed in Germany, I really wondered why all these people were out just to greet 52 hostages. This really surprised me and it was a great feeling to see all the people who lined the streets to greet us, both in Germany and the United States. I also want to thank the people of Saint Joseph's for their warm welcome when I came home Jan. 28, and I especially want to thank Father Banet for presenting me the Schuyler Robinson Community Award during our gathering at the high school Feb. 1.

The schoolchildren of Rensselaer and Jasper County seemed especially involved in supporting you through this crisis and in welcoming Rick home.

Eleanor: Our area schoolchildren really helped me get through this; so many of them told Art and I throughout this period that they cared deeply about this and hoped we would get our boy back soon.

Rick: The children are my favorite people; I've really enjoyed visiting and talking with them.

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Feb. 1, 1981, was a cold, gray day in Rensselaer, but it was a warm, festive and patriotic reception of approximately 2500 persons who greeted the Kupkes at their official welcome-home celebration in the Rensselaer Central High School gymnasium.

That celebration's emotional highlight came late in the program when the schoolchildren of Monnett and Van Rensselaer elementary schools sung, for one last time, "Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round The Old Oak Tree." There were few dry eyes at that moment, for then more than ever before, the people of Rensselaer and Jasper County knew that Rick Kupke had indeed come home.

Pit crew chief Ken Borgelt (sr.-Aqu.) and his assistants complete a few last-minute preparations on the kart of driver Marc Tougas just before the start of the Little 500 here Apr. 11.
(Photo by John Burrell)